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SUBJ: MAJOR INCIDENT AT EGYPTIAN MISSION TO UN

REF: USUN 5719

1. SHORTLY BEFORE NOON AMBASSADOR ABDEL MEGUID, PERMREP OF EGYPT, CALLED AM B FERGUSON TO INFORM FERGUSON THAT FRACAS THEN OCCURRING IN ENTRY LOBBY OF EGYPTIAN PERMANENT MISSION. AMB MEGUID STATED THAT TWO DEMONSTRATORS WITH ISRAELI FLAG HAD FORCED THIER WAY INTO MISSION BUILDING BEHIND CBS CREW WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO INTERVIEW AMB MEGUIE ON MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. AMB MEGUID RECOUNTED THAT JDL DEMONSTRATORS UTILIZED ALUMINUM FLAGPOLE WITH ISRAELI FALG TO JAB MEMBERS OF THE STAFF IN THE LEGS AND ALSO WHACKED ANOTHER MEMBER OF STAFF EGYPTIAN PERM MISSION ON HEAD BENDING ALUMINUM FLAGPOLE.

2. AMB MEGUID INDICATED HE WOULD REFUSE TO TURN OVER DEMONSTRATORS TO NYPD SINCE THERE VIOLATION OF FEDERAL STATUTE. HE INFORMED FERGUSON HE WOULD TURN OVER ONLY TO FBI. AMB FERGUSON CONTACTED US ATTORNEY SOUTHERN DISTRICT
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NY INDICATING THAT CLEARLY BREACH DIPLOMATIC PREMISES

FELL WITHIN STAT AND REQUESTED FBI INTERVENTION. AMB FERGUSON ASSURED US ATTORNEY THAT HE (AMB FERGUSON) WOULD STRESS TO AMB MEGUID THAT IT WOULD BE ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR MEMBERS OF PERM MISSION WHO INJURED TO COOPERATE NOT ONLY IN INVESTIGATION BUT TESTIFY, IF NECESSARY, IN SUBSEQUENT PROCEEDINGS.

3. AMB FERGUSON IMMEDIATELY CALLED UPON EGYPTIAN PERMREP TO: A) APOLOGIZE FOR BREACH OF DIPLOMATIC PREMISES; B) REASSURE PERMREP THAT US WOULD TAKE ALL POSSIBLE MEASURES; AND, C) THAT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR MEMBERS OF PERM MISSION STAFF WHO WERE INJURED TO COOPERATE WITH FBI AND TESTIFY AS MIGHT BE REQUIRED US ATTORNEY SOUTHERN DISTRICT NY.

4. AMB MEGUID REQUESTED FOLLOW-UP REPORTS FOR CAIRO AND ASSURED AMB FERGUSON THAT WHILE HE (AMB MEGUID) WOULD NOT TESTIFY IN COURT PROCEEDINGS, THREE OF HIS STAFF WHO INJURED BY JDL WOULD COOPERATE AND TESTIFY.

5. DEMONSTRATORS ARRESTED ON PREMISES BY FBI AND TAKEN OFF TO WEST STREET. DEMONSTRATORS AS TAKEN OFF LOUDLY DEMANDED MEDICAT TREATMENT. (FYI: AT SUGGESTION AMB FERGUSON DEMONSTRATORS WARNED OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.)

6. AMB FERGUSON DELIVERED FORMAL ORAL APOLOGY TO AMB MEGUID WHO ACCEPTED IN GRACIOUS SPIRIT. (COMMENT: QUITE CLEAR THAT AMB MEGUID WANTS "MAKE A CASE" UNDER FEDERAL STAT RATHER THAN TURNING OVER DEMONSTRATORS TO NYPD. HE REMINDED AMB FERGUSON SEVERAL TIMES THAT LIKE FERGUSON HE IS LAWYER AND LOOKS FORWARD TO FULL PROSECUTION BY "FEDERAL AUTHORITIES" AGAINST DEMONSTRATORS. END COMMENT).
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